

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Edison Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company; Commonwealth

Electric Company; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company; Verizon Massachusetts;

and Western Massachusetts Electric Company

FROM: William Stevens, Hearing Officer

RE: <u>Double Utility Poles Report</u>, D.T.E. 03-87 - Amended Joint Motion Approved

DATE: September 1, 2005

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

Commission

Andrew O. Kaplan, General Counsel

Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General

Kellie Gunagan, Assistant Attorney General, Municipal Law Unit

Att. Amended Joint Motion to Modify the Department's June 16th Procedural Order

On June 16, 2005, I issued a Hearing Officer Procedural Ruling that established a standardized format for filing semi-annual reports as required in Report to the Legislature on Double Poles, D.T.E. 03-87 at 15-16 (2003). On June 24, 2005, Boston Edison Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company; Commonwealth Electric Company; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company; Verizon Massachusetts; and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (the "Pole Owners") requested a technical conference to discuss the specifics of the additional information requested. On July 19, 2005, the Department conducted a technical conference.

On August 10, 2005 the Pole Owners filed a Joint Motion to Modify the Department's June 16th Procedural Order ("Joint Motion"). On August 29, 2005, Department staff conferred with the Pole Owners on the Joint Motion. As a result of this conference, on August 31, 2005, the Pole Owners filed an Amended Joint Motion to Modify the Department's June 16th Procedural Order ("Amended Motion"). Upon review of the Amended Motion, I find that it substantially complies with the June 16, 2005 Procedural Ruling. Accordingly, the Amended Motion is hereby allowed.